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FARMERS ASK FOR HELP ON PROBLEM PEANUT GRADING SYSTEM

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby visits Coffee County

by Marvin McLain - Editor

United States Senator Richard Shelby was in Elba Friday holding one of his "annual town meetings" with his constituents.

Elba Mayor James Grimes played host to the Senator introducing him to the audience.

Shelby said, "It is an honor and a privilege to be one of your U. S. Senators. It's a challenging job but it's a rewarding job too - at times."

The Senator addressed several issues facing the Congress from taxes to peanuts. After his initial "briefing and comments," Sen. Shelby fielded questions from the audience.

Using charts to illustrate his position, he first expressed his concern about the continuing cutting of the defense budget and the down-sizing of the military.

Shelby noted that the United States is spending less on defense than it did in the 1950s. He commented that we should be concerned about the future and the possible threats that exist throughout the world even though the Cold War has ended.

Turning to domestic issues, Shelby stated that interest payments (over a quarter of a trillion dollars annually) on the national debt are taking funds that could be spent on

our nation's people. The Senator stated that he is still pushing for a flat-rate tax in lieu of the present income tax system.

Basically, an individual would only be taxed once, at the source, when one earns income. He expressed his concern.

Turning to other matters, the Senator touched on the discipline problems reported in our public schools. He noted that years ago, in the 60s, problems dealt mostly with talking out of turn, chewing gum, running in the halls, cutting class, etc.; however, now, in the 90s, school officials are having to deal with drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancies, suicides, rape, assaults, murders, etc.

The major causes of these problems is the breakdown in families and no discipline in school.

"When I was in school, I got a lot of whippings in school and I got a whipping at home for getting them in school," said Shelby.

During the question and answer session, the Senator fielded questions concerning the peanut industry.

One of Coffee County's farmers, Rolan Day, shares his concerns over the peanut problem with Sen. Shelby.

Several peanut growers present expressed their concerns with the present grading system being used to grade peanuts.

The dry summer has taken its toll and some farmers are losing \$478 per ton on their peanuts due to Segregation III.

Mo Sessions, who is with Sessions Peanut Company, told Shelby that SEG III is the most important issue facing peanut farmers at this time.

Farmers present told the Senator, "We could lose our farms and everything we own if we don't get some relief."

Shelby promised to meet with the other members of Congress from Alabama and set up a meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture and get something done for the local peanut program.

The Senator fielded questions for about forty-five minutes before shaking some hands. Before he left Elba, Mayor Grimes, accompanied by City Clerk Donnie Morrow, gave Shelby an abbreviated tour of the levee and the new pump system being installed

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Coffee County Commission assists CPYRWMA in reservoir study

The chairman of the Coffee County Commission, Tom Grimsley, presented a check for \$5,000.00 to the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority to assist with studies related to the evaluation of reservoir sites in the Coffee County area.

The check was presented during a regularly scheduled meeting of the CPYRWMA Board of Directors held in New Brockton on Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

Grimsley stated that the funding assistance was provided because of the recognized need for the future surface water impoundments in this area of the watershed, and the recent flurry of interest in developing such impoundments.

He also stated that it takes several years to bring a project of this nature to reality, and he was confident that the studies, which are being co-sponsored by the Authority and the Geological Survey of Alabama, are a necessary step in achieving this goal.

Thomas Fugus, chairman of the CPYRWMA Board of Directors, accepted the funds for the Authority, and expressed his appreciation of the partnership of local governments that have pledged support for these studies.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety is pleased to join in supporting School Bus Safety Week Oct. 19-25 and its focus on children's safety.

According to the Alabama State Board of Education, sponsor of School Bus Safety Week, approximately 60 percent of the state's school-age children are transported to and from school on school buses.

To help insure the safety of these young Alabamians, motorists are reminded to use extreme caution in the vicinity of school buses and school children and to closely observe traffic laws related to school buses.

When meeting or following a school bus stopped on the roadway with signal arm extended and red lights flashing, motorists must stop and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the stop signal is retracted and red lights are turned off.

Motorists must also stop when meeting or following a bus stopped on a four-lane to six-lane highway, even if the opposing traffic lanes are separated by a median or safety zone. Drivers are advised to stop at least 20 feet from the bus.



RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN...Elba Mayor James Grimes has proclaimed October 27 through 31, 1997 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Elba. Noting that alcohol and other drug use has reached epidemic stages among the youth, Mayor James, in his proclamation, stated, "It is imperative that visible, unified prevention efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs." The Alabama Red Ribbon Coalition, Inc. is sponsoring the Red Ribbon campaign, offering citizens support in demonstrating their commitment. Everyone will be encouraged to wear and display red ribbons during the week representing non-use of drugs. Pictured above for the signing of the proclamation are (l-r) seated - Judy Killingsworth, principal of Elba Elementary School; Mayor Grimes, and R. W. Whitworth, Elba Police Chief; standing is Elba D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair.

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HAPPENINGS

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. The Elba Tigers are at home against Rehobeth - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; Zion Chapel Rebels are at home against Arlton - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; Kinston Bulldogs are at home against cross-county rival New Brockton with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; and the Brantley Bulldogs play host to Highland Home - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

KHS TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING. Kinston High School will celebrate homecoming 1997-98 Friday (TOMORROW), October 24, 1997. The fun-filled day will begin with a parade at 2:15 p.m. The celebration will climax with the Kinston vs New Brockton football game at 7:30. The coronation of the Kinston High School Homecoming Queen and her court will be held at halftime.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, October 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

EHS TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING. Elba High School will celebrate homecoming on Friday, Nov. 7. A coronation of the homecoming queen and her court will be held in Tiger Stadium at 10:30 a.m. followed by a pep rally. A parade through downtown Elba will begin at 3:00 p.m. Pre-game activities (presentation of queen and her court) will start at 7:00 p.m. followed by the football game between Elba and Monroe County.

HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRIES. Anyone wishing to have an entry in the EHS Homecoming Parade should register with the high school office. The number is 897-2266. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

CLASS OF 1987. The Elba High School Class of 1987 will hold its 10-year reunion at homecoming, Nov. 7, 1997. Members of the Class of 1987 who have not been contacted should contact Kim (Kelley) Lowery at 347-5880 for more information.



NEW BUSINESS OPENS...A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Friday for Elba newest business, Kevin Kelley, a registered representative with the National Association of Securities Dealers and New York Life Insurance and Annuity Company, officially announced the opening of his office located at 427 West Davis Street in Elba. As a registered representative with New York Life, Kevin is licensed to assist individuals and business owners with their insurance and investment planning. Those participating in the ceremony are pictured above. They are (l-r): Frank Avrett, sales manager for NYL; Cammie Kelley, Junior Miss Elba; Mayor James Grimes; Herby McCall; Doris Kelley; Jerry Kelley; Holms Kelley; Kevin Kelley and his sons Harris and Zackery; Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; and Elizabeth Strong, Miss Elba.

DON'T FORGET TIME CHANGES THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 2 A.M.



Be sure to set your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday night, October 25th.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

That quarterback from Tennessee has made his last trip to Birmingham as a challenger to the Tide. Again this year his presence was felt, right on up to the time in the fourth quarter when he pulled off his helmet and donned the baseball cap, signaling the fact he (and his coach) felt they had the game won.

The outcome of the Auburn game was about the same. Florida did just what it wanted to do, when it wanted to do it. Florida's coach ruffles feathers, even ours, with his brash talk and actions. But, as the saying goes around the high school, "If you can walk the walk, you can talk the talk." Coach Steve Spurrier can surely walk the walk... or apparently anything else he desires to do! Now Auburn football folks are saying they want to try the Florida Gators again in the SEC championship game, come December... hummmm.

One more football comment. The Elba Tigers averted a winless season last Friday night, at the expense of the Hartford Bulldogs. That was tough on Hartford folks, but it was a happy time for Elba players and loyal football fans.

Senator Richard Shelby was in Elba last Friday afternoon and received a warm welcome from the folks in South Alabama. He is well aware of our high water problems and Elba folks who are "doubting Thomases" should pick up on his statement of, "It is going to flood again." Be sure your flood insurance is paid and copies of those non-replaceable pictures and records are in a safe (read that dry) place.

It is time to end the daylight saving time again. Saturday night we are instructed to change the clocks and get an extra hour of sleep. Not really, it is the hour lost last April when the same instructions told us to move the clock forward an hour. There is no way our cries for help will do any good, but this stuff is a problem for us. Our inter-clock gets set for a certain time of getting up along about the time the government says it is time for a change again. Either they need to stop these changes or we need to speed up our internal adjustments! The changes confuse our already struggling brain.

County Agent Richard Petcher moves around Coffee County doing his job well and without a lot of fanfare. However, he doesn't go unnoticed as evidenced by his recently being named as "Coffee County Agent of the Year" by a group of cotton experts. Salute!

LI Governor Don Siegelman removed the little suspense left Monday when he announced intentions to seek the Democratic nomination for governor. That gives other potential candidates and those who fund campaigns time to take a good long look at the prospects. Right now we don't even have an opinion as to the chance of Don even winning the Democratic nomination, nor defeating Fob in the General Election. Oh, it will be Fob on the Republican side. He will have some opposition in the primary, but we don't expect any of them to muster the votes necessary for unseating the incumbent Governor.

A lot has been written lately about the financial problems of schools in Alabama. The three school systems in Coffee County share some of the same concerns. However, they are not in such bad condition that the state department has taken them over, or even threatened to do so, as has happened with several areas. Others are being threatened with takeover, but the Coffee County systems still have some money in the bank and financial management seems to be heads and shoulders above that of the already broke systems.



JAIL RENOVATION DONATION... The Elba Chamber Of Commerce and City of Elba's jail renovation project fund recently received a boost. Debbie DeRossett, who is with Innovations which publishes the *Southern Discoveries* magazine, presented a check for \$2,717.50 to Elba Mayor James Grimes. The old Coffee County Jail, recently donated to the city by the county, is to be renovated and used as a museum honoring the county's law enforcement personnel. The facility will also house Elba Chamber of Commerce offices as well as community meeting rooms. DeRossett said, "It is a pleasure to work with Elba. It is refreshing to see a town working together. The facility will truly be an asset to Elba and Coffee County." Pictured above are (l-r) Elba C of C Executive Director Barbara Hudson, Mayor James Grimes, DeRossett, and Elba C of C President Melba Hollingshead.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of October 14, 1997 through October 20, 1997. They were: Henry Woods, James Stephens, Maurine Hamilton, Nettie Sue Stenker, Betty Williams, Michael Lawson, Mary Daniels, Carlene Owens, Betty Sue James, Lamar Donaldson, J. I. Crocker, Harold Barker, Martha Waters, Betty Wilson, Roy Scarborough, Robert Mann, Jabari Cole, Tyrone Calhoun, Leon Miller, Debra Ledbetter, Michael Williams, Mark Wicker, R. C. Boutwell, Dewayne Bradshaw, Donald Barras, Cullen P. Davis, Eva Miller, Gertrude Ennis, Mary Bryan, Sylvester Richards, Aubie Cauley, James Graham, and Mary Bryan. Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Claudine Barnes, James Stephens, Estelle Kendrick, Melinda Stewart, Maurine Hamilton, Wanda Messick, Betty Williams, Nettie Sue Stenker, J. I. Crocker, Henry Woods, Roy Scarborough, Lamar Donaldson, Robert Mann, Debra Ledbetter, Michael Williams, Mark Wicker, Mary Daniels, Betty Sue James, Leon Miller, Harold Barker, Martha Waters, Gertrude Ennis, Carlene Owens, Betty Wilson, Jabari Cole, Dewayne Bradshaw, and Mary Bryan.

NOTICE

The Elba Nursing Home will be hosting a Family Council/Community Educational Meeting on Thursday, October 30, 1997, at 5:30 p.m. in the facility's conference room. At some time in every family's life there is a possibility for the need of nursing home services. ENH would like to take this opportunity to invite interested members of the community to see and gather information concerning life in a nursing home. The special topic for the evening will be a short program on long term use of psychoactive medication in the elderly population. For more information concerning this meeting contact Brett Cunningham at 897-2257 ext. 298 from 8 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

OCTOBER 13 Thru 19, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 13, 1997, investigated the following incidents: three criminal mischiefs, two menaces, one assault, one criminal trespass, one found property, six thefts of property, one harassing communication, and two harassments.

The following arrests were made: one for assault, one for theft of property, one for criminal trespass, and one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: eight for speeding and one for improper tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 - River stage - no report; Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 189N (12:44 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 84W (8:53 p.m.).
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 - Alarm at Weeks Tire (5:33 a.m.); River stage - no report; Disturbance reported on Adams St. (8:02 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Reese Ave. (9:40 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Whitman St. (10:41 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 - River stage - no report; Alarm at Elba Pawn & Gun (10:35 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (1:55 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Hardee's (8:27 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Reese Ave. (9:40 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Whitman St. (10:41 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 - River stage - no report; Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 348 (10:28 a.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported at police headquarters (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported on Jones St. (10:04 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 - Rescue run to Kendrick Apts. (1:06 a.m.); River stage - 2.21 feet (6:40 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - River stage - no report; Rescue run to Dorsey Trailers (12:43 p.m.); Routine activity.

REPORT A CRIME CALL CRIMSTOPPERS @ 897-3881

Trick or Treat



for the City of Elba has been set for Thursday October 30st 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Those who wish to treat the Trick or Treaters are asked to leave a porch light on. Motorists are urged to use extra precaution during the Trick or Treat hours.

NOTICE

The Operation Santa Claus Drive is underway in Elba. If you have any new or slightly used toys that you would like to donate for this worthy cause, please drop off at The Elba Police Department located downtown on the Square. These toys will be used for the Elba area. Only and will make lots of children's eyes sparkle! *Thanks for caring!*

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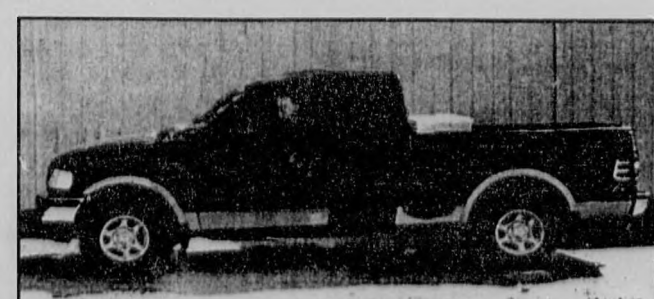
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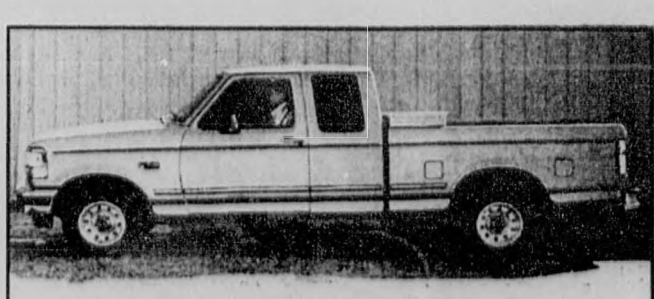
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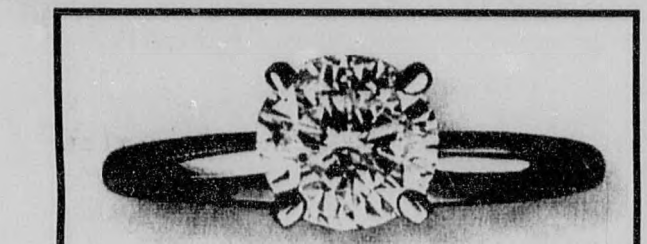


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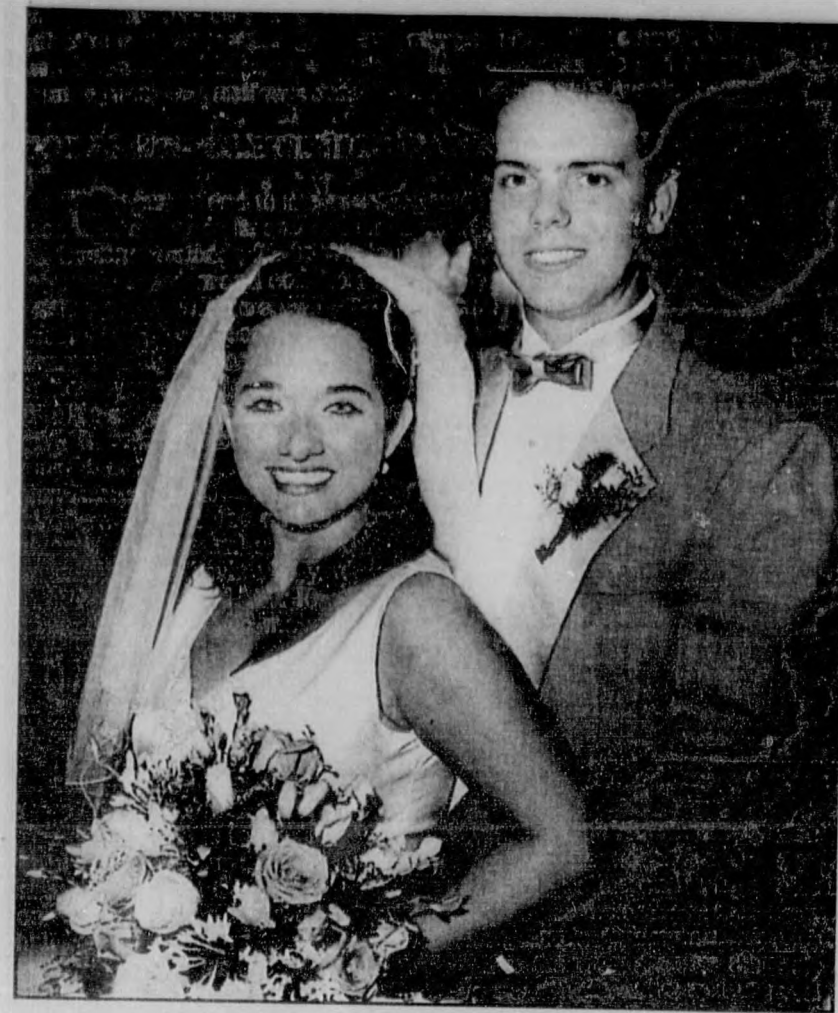
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Social & Community News

Cotney-Marsh vows solemnized July 5th at Elba United Methodist Church



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cotney

Lori Ann Marsh of Elba and Larry Parrish Cotney of Lakeland, Fla., were married Saturday, July 5, 1997, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church.

Rev. Winston Jay performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Marsh of Elba.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wilkerson of Jack, and Mrs. Gwendolyn M. Marsh and the late Mr. Robert L. Marsh of Elba.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Cotney Jr. of Lakeland, Fla.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Popper of Lakeland, Fla., and Mrs. Josephine Cotney and the late Mr. Fred L. Cotney Sr. of Bowling Green, Fla.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless gown of Italian silk featuring an empire bodice with a sweetheart neckline. The neckline of the gown and the chapel-length train were accented with delicate pearls.

The church altar was decorated with bouquets of fresh mixed flowers, peace lilies and beautiful ferns. The windows were adorned with lighted angels surrounded with ivy and roses.

Beverly Jordan of Tuscaloosa served as matron of honor. Kim Tindol of Elba was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Cowen of Geneva; Dene Carter of Maplesville, Ala.; and Ava Cotney of Lakeland, Fla.

The bridesmaids wore sleeveless, tea-length lilac gowns with empire bodices. They carried hand-tied bouquets of spring flowers.

Mr. Fred L. Cotney Jr., father of the bride, and Jason Jones, brother of the groom, served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Paul Marsh, brother of the bride, and Jason Jones, brother of the groom, served as groomsmen.

Mrs. Kay Mack served as pianist and played some of the bride's favorite selections. Johnathan Ross sang "The Parent's Prayer" and "I Cross My Heart."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

After a honeymoon in the mountains, the couple resides in Clanton, Ala.

PRE-WEDDING EVENTS

Following the rehearsal on July 4, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cotney hosted a dinner honoring Lori and Larry at the Charleston House in Enterprise.

Attending were out-of-town guests, family, friends and the wedding party.

The morning meal was a video of Lori and Larry's earlier years.

Larry also heard a song composed especially for him by his bride-to-be. A cookout honoring the couple was held on May 24 in Jack, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Don Flowers and Mrs. Beverly Jordan.

A miscellaneous shower was hosted by Junell and Kim Tindol at their home on May 31.

A miscellaneous shower was held on June 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bassett in Lakeland, Fla.

A miscellaneous shower was held at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast on June 22.

A bridesmaids luncheon was given by Junell and Kim Tindol at Mrs. Nell Manning on July 4, at Westside Baptist Church.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at 11:30, followed by a special Homecoming service during which the reunion youth choir will sing some old favorites.

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Miss Emily Bernstein

Ryan Moss celebrates seventh birthday

Ryan Moss celebrated his 7th birthday on Oct. 14 with a party on Oct. 18. There was an Army motif. Ryan is the son of Richard and Cristy Moss and the grandson of Ed and Betty Howse of Gardendale, and Sarah Moss of Northport.

He enjoyed celebrating with his many friends and family members.

Kelleys to celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Kelley of the Fairview Community are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

A reception in their honor is being hosted by their children on Oct. 26, from two until three-thirty in the afternoon at their home.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

It is requested that no gifts be brought.

Emily Bernstein to perform in ADT dance production in Montgomery

Emily Bernstein, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper of Elba, and daughter of Philip and Susan Bernstein of Montgomery, will perform in the Alabama Dance Theatre's holiday production of *Mistolee* on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15 and 16 at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Miss Bernstein, a sophomore at Jefferson Davis High School, will perform in two outstanding ballets from ADT's repertoire: Handel's *Mistolee* and the children's storybook classic *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

As part of *Mistolee*, ADT will also perform "Favorite Dances of Christmas," a collage of dances set to beautiful Christmas carols and songs.

Tickets will be available Oct. 27.

Hi Wesley! Love, Grandma

Those attending were Betty Brunson, Doris Cooper, Jane Hudson, JoAnn Jacobs, Anne Miles, Debra Samuels, Peggy Stroud, Grace Taylor, Elaine Thompson, and hostesses Judy Eastburn and Ella Jean Vaughan.

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First Baptist plans Choir Reunion

Youth Choir members of Elba First Baptist Church from the 1970s are invited to participate in a Youth Choir Reunion at the church on Nov. 8 and 9.

Mr. Robert Holliman, who was Minister of Music and Youth from 1969 to 1981, will be present for the occasion.

The reunion will begin with a fellowship and rehearsal at the church on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m., with additional activities scheduled for the evening.

This event is being held in conjunction with a church-wide Homecoming weekend, which coincides with Elba High School's homecoming festivities on Friday, Nov. 7.

Other activities include a chili supper on Friday prior to the football game, and age-group reunions for EHS alumni who attended First Baptist on Saturday evening.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Dr. Charles Graham, who pastored the church in the 1960s, will return as guest speaker for the 10 a.m. worship service.

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Damascus Homemakers Club to have Open House Saturday

The Damascus Homemakers Club is having Open House this Saturday, October 25, 1997, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

They would like to invite everyone to come out and see their location and celebrate their opening.

This facility is located in the voting house at Damascus, located on County Road #514.

Harris Temple to give away groceries

Harris Temple Church family will be distributing free groceries to needy persons on Thursday, Oct. 23, 3 - 5 p.m., at the Elba Youth Training Center, located in Mulberry Heights.

They will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shiloh Baptist to celebrate "Youth Weekend"

Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba will celebrate their annual Youth Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26.

Games and other activities are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Saturday for all ages.

All classes will be conducted by the youth on Sunday morning, nursery to adult.

The morning meal will be delivered by Jeff Smith and evening meal by Phillip Newman.

Everyone is invited.

Church Notes



Florida Boys to appear at Pike Fair Grounds

The Florida Boys from Pensacola, Fla., will be in concert, along with The Davis Brothers at the Pike County Fairgrounds, located on U.S. 231 south of Troy, on Saturday night, Oct. 25, beginning at 7 o'clock.

For further information contact The Davis Brothers at 334/565-3354 or 334/527-3494.

Missionaries and singers to appear at Enterprise Assembly of God

Missionaries Steve and Tee Bartemeyer, missionaries to Honduras, will be guest speakers at the Enterprise First Assembly of God Church on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m.

The Entsmeyers will lead in a time of praise and worship, and give their testimonies.

Also, on Nov. 2, at 6 p.m., a concert will be held featuring Judy Jacobs Tuttle, a Lumbee Indian from Lumberton, N.C.

Judy is a solo vocalist who began her singing career at the age of 12 and began singing as featured singer with New Harvest in 1983.

She and her husband, Jamie Tuttle, reside in Cleveland, Tenn.

A nursery will be provided for children.

Christian Mission barbecue tickets available

The Christian Mission Center's annual pork barbecue will be held Friday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and tickets are now available.

Plates will be \$5.00 and will include BBQ, baked beans, rice, cole slaw, bread and cake.

For information call Christian Mission - Enterprise - 393-2607; Elba - 897-6693; or Geneva - 684-7756.

Mr. Calvary to hold anniversary celebration for pastor

The 9th anniversary for Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Elba, will be held Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 p.m.

A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

Covenant Players to perform at Elba UMC

Covenant Players, an international repertory theatre, will perform at Elba United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the 10:50 a.m. service.

The theatrical group utilizes a unique kind of drama, with a flexibility to be able to communicate a wide variety of themes, issues and subject matter.

"Covenant Players was created to meet the need for a medium that can communicate the vibrant challenges of Christian commitment in a way too engrossing to ignore, too much fun to get uplight about, and too potent and personal to be rationalized away," said a spokesperson for the group.

With a repertoire of over 2,000 plays by founders and director Charles M. Tanner, everything from light comedy to heavy drama is used, as well as Science fiction, Biblical characterizations and more.

The public is invited to attend this special event.

Shepherd's Fold plan Fall Festival and Gospel Singing

The Shepherd's Fold Church of God will have a Fall Festival Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.

Activities will include contests for best costume; best biscuits and best pie.

Ribbons will be given for all three contests.

Festival organizers promise lots of fun and food and games!

Also there will be a Gospel Sing at the church on Sunday, Oct. 26, beginning at 6 p.m., with the Watkins Family from Georgia as featured singers.

The Shepherd's Fold Church is located at Highway 84 from Dorsey Trailers.

Everyone is invited to all activities.

Grace Christian Fellowship to have Revival

There will be a three-night revival Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 at Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly of God Church in Level Plains.

Speaker will be Rev. Billy Cardwell of Grove Hill, Ala., and services will begin at 7 each evening. There will be special singing each evening.

The church is located beside Level Plains City Hall. Everyone is invited.

Christian Education Day to be held Saturday

The annual Christian Education Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. at Harris Temple Church in God in Christ at 647 Adams St., Elba.

Guest speaker will be Supt. LeOral Flowers.

Elder Eugene Johnson is director and Elder W.K. Ellison is pastor.

Everyone is invited.

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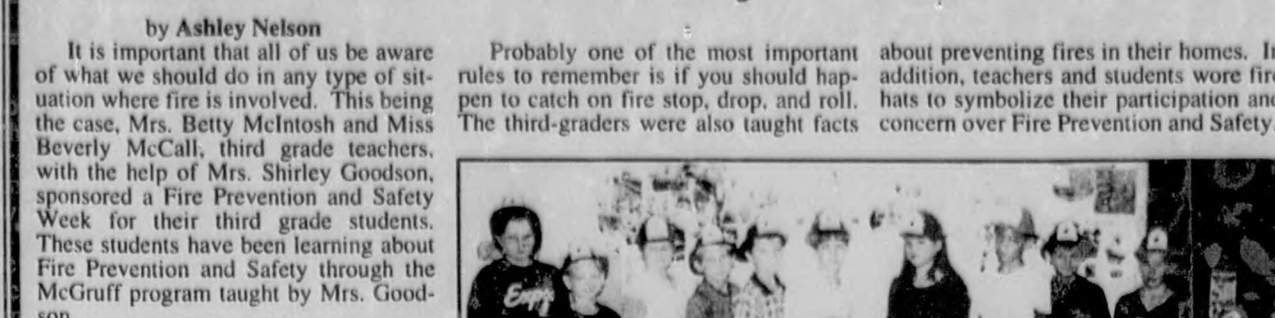
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Fire Prevention & Safety Week Observed



Shelter Study

by Amanda Ellis

The fourth grade science classes at Zion Chapel Elementary are studying types of shelters designed from plants. The students have to design and build a model of a house from a culture other than their own. The fourth graders are to use cardboard and other materials to develop a shoe box diorama. The projects are due October 28.

Internet Website

by Tina Johnson

The sixth period computer programming class at Zion Chapel, taught by Mrs. Lori McCrory, is creating a database of internet website addresses as a class project. A website address is a string of characters used to access a website. Websites are a useful and practical way to find research topics or to simply gather information on the internet using your computer.

Zion Chapel will soon be able to access the internet through the computers at school. Each of the sixteen students in the class has been assigned to find the names and addresses of ten websites to put into the database using a computer program called MicroSoft Works. They can use newspapers, magazines, television, radio, or any other resource to find their website addresses. When the assignment is completed and turned in on October 14, the class is going to print a



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Wednesday - Biscuit, Country Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Hot

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Football Players See NASCAR Race

by Amanda Sanders

Jerrold Jirnhart, Brad Ashby, Patrick Oglesby, Billy Wayne Nelson, and Andy Howell were rewarded for active participation in a summer weight training program by being taken to Talladega to see a NASCAR race at the Talladega Super Speedway.

The football players came to watch training on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

190 mile-an-hour minimum required to compete in the Winston 500 race that was to take place on Sunday.

Some of the competitors could only go as fast as 185 miles-an-hour. After the Area Race, which was 177 laps, the racers in the Winston 500 race made laps around the track for an hour. When all the cars and the practice laps were finished country singer Mark Chesnut performed for the crowd attending the race.

The trip was made possible in part by Dr. Richard Schlemer and Mrs. Nadine Schlemer who are supporters of the Zion Chapel Rebels. They loaned the nine-passenger Chevrolet Suburban Coach Grant for the trip.

"It was my first time going to a NASCAR race and it was very exciting and a lot of fun," said Jerrod Jirnhart.

days every week for a designated period during the summer.

Coach Randy Grant, Mrs. Anita Grant, and the players left Zion Chapel on Friday night for Birmingham to attend a football game in which Talladega High School was playing.

This was the school where Coach and Mrs. Grant were teaching before coming to Zion Chapel. After the game in Birmingham, the group went to Talladega to spend the night. The next morning, Saturday, they went out to the Speedway to tour the NASCAR Museum and to watch the Talladega Race. This is a race competition where they were unable to sustain the

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MISSISSIPPI DELTA SHOWS On The Midway

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

You would have thought that the folks at the area churches knew a win was coming last Friday night for the Elba Tigers, since there was plenty for the youth to do after the game at events sponsored by a couple of the town's churches. Melissa spent the night at a "Lock-In" at the local skating rink that was co-sponsored by two of the churches, while Melanie and her exchange student both went to "5th Quarter" activities at another church. It is always great when the kids have something to do that is safe and offers good, clean entertainment, and such was definitely the case last week.

ELBA TIGERS FINALLY GET INTO WIN COLUMN

The Elba Tigers put an end to their seven-game losing streak dating back to last season on Friday night, and did so in grand fashion as they blanked the Geneva County Bulldogs 22-0. While it was true Geneva County was also struggling this season and entered the game with a 1-5 record, the Bulldogs had defeated Elba a year ago in a stunning upset. It was not a game that the Tigers took lightly, and it showed with the big win.

The Elba offense scored touchdowns the first two times it touched the football, and if not for mistakes, could have easily blown the game open in the first half. The Tigers' scoring drives in the opening half were 61 and 92 yards in length, and consisted of 17 running plays and 6 passing plays. The Tigers converted on two fourth down plays in the opening drive and had three third down conversions on the second scoring march, which was an area in which the Tigers had struggled throughout the season. The offense did lose a fumble after driving 77 yards to a first down and goal at the Geneva County 9-yardline and later lost another fumble at the Geneva County 13. However, the offense did move the football and there was an improvement from games past. Elba quarterback Derek Marler hit on 9 of 17 passes in the game, and without much fanfare, the senior signal-caller is on track to pass for over 1,000 yards this season. It has been many years since a Tiger quarterback has rolled up such numbers, and Marler has done so while having to carry much of the offensive load on his back. It has not been a season to remember as far as the record stands, but Marler does have a chance to put his name in the record books.

The Elba defense made two stands early in the game and then slammed the door shut on the Geneva County offense in recording a shut-out. The Tiger defense saw Geneva County march to the Elba 8-yardline on its first possession and to the Elba 19 on its second, but both times the defense rose to the challenge and refused to allow a point. On Geneva County's next eight offensive series after the early scoring threats, the Elba defense allowed only one first down and limited the Geneva County offense unit to minus 8 yards in total offense. Senior defensive-end Wesley Johnson returned to his dominating form of the game early in the season and recorded four tackles for 43 yards in losses, while also recording a safety and a touchdown after he forced, and then recovered a fumble in the endzone. Johnson led the Tiger defense to its best two quarters of the season, and maybe woke up the Tiger defense after it had been pushed around in recent losses.

While it is certainly true that the Tigers made some mistakes against Geneva County and bogged down on offense in the second half, it is also true that the Tigers were 0-6 heading into the game and were coming off a 40-point whipping. It took a lot of pride to keep on working hard in practice and give a winning effort after such a loss, but the Tigers and their coaches kept their focus on what was ahead, and not the pain of the past losses, and Friday night got to enjoy the thrill of victory. It was a much needed win, and one in which the players refused to quit and just go through the motions. Now that the Tigers have put an end to the predictions of a winless season, maybe they can have some fun and add some wins to their side of the ledger. All true Elba Tiger fans hope so, and are still behind the players and coaches whenever they hit the field.

ANOTHER SO-SO WEEK FOR AREA GRID TEAMS

The seventh week of the season has come and gone, and for the teams in the area it was a so-so week as two teams won and two teams lost. Here is a look back at what happened in week #7....

***NEW BROCKTON (4-3) snapped its two-game losing streak with a big 37-14 win over Wicksburg. The Gamecocks used the return of quarterback Jason Allums as a spark to roll up over 400 yards of total offense, as Allums passed for over 100 yards in the win and Lee Flowers ran over and around the Panther defense. When the Gamecocks are healthy they can play with anyone in the 2A ranks, and it looks like they will be at almost full speed for their final three contests.

***ZION CHAPEL (4-2) spotted Isabella an early two-touchdown lead and then came storming back to clobber the Mustangs 38-14. The Rebels showed that they have as much speed as any 1A team around, and once the offense got on track the defense also picked up its intensity. Zion Chapel's playoff hopes rest on the outcome of this week's game against Arton; however, there is no way Coach Grant, his staff and players can be losers this season after what they have already done.

***KINSTON (0-7) again watched one slip through their hands Friday night as they dominated the action for four quarters and still lost to Arton 20-6. The Bulldogs gave up some big plays on defense that resulted in three Purple Cat touchdowns, and simply could not convert successful drives into points. The Bulldogs are beginning to see the injury list grow, and for a team with very few players, that could spell doom for the winless 'Dogs.

***BRANTLEY (4-3) battled the fifth-ranked Mapleville Red Devils on even terms throughout the game before falling late 14-10. The Bulldogs lost to the Devils 30-16 a year ago and were picked by many to get blown out Friday night; however, the Bulldogs never once backed down and showed once again that they are definitely a team on its way back. Don't look now, but Brantley is already a team to watch out for.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTION IS NON-STOP IN WEEK #7

The high school football season continued to roll along toward the playoffs last week, and as is always the case, there were some surprises and some expected results in week #7 of play. Here is a quick look back at the week that was....

***CLASS 1A - Billingsley improved its record to 6-1 with a 54-20 win over Marbury, and the Bears have now outscored their opponents 174-48 since an opening week loss to Chilton County. In other action, Frisco City lost for the second straight week as the Whippies were knocked off by Millersville 14-6, and McKenzie saw its losing streak reach five straight games in a big 47-14 loss to Florida.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County made it 51 straight wins by clobbering Reelwood 43-8, and it now looks like the state's longest winning streak ever may very well continue through the season. In other action, Cottonwood proved it was alive and well with a 43-13 romp over Ashford; Florida improved its record to 3-4 with its 47-14 win over McKenzie; and Georgiana dropped its fourth game in a row as the Panthers were ripped by Luverne 35-0.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Briarwood improved to 7-0 with a 35-14 win over winless Winterboro, while defending champ Colbert County slipped to 5-2 with a 29-27 loss to Coffee, of Florence. In other action, UMS-Wright upped its mark to 6-1 with a 28-14 win over Washington County, and Trinity romped all over Holtville 77-7.

***CLASS 4A - Ashford allowed only two points in the opening five weeks in rolling to a 5-0 record, but has now allowed 61 in the past two weeks, with 48 coming Friday night in a 43-13 loss to 2A Cottonwood.

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Ouch! In other action, Dale County improved its record to 7-0 with a 35-0 win over Abbeville, and Daleville continued its late-season surge by knocking off Charles Henderson 16-7. The Warhawks were left for dead after getting off to a 1-3 start, but they are now back on track and winning big. Down along Murder Creek, T.R. Miller moved to 7-0 with a 42-6 win over Grand Bay, and W.S. Neal also went to 7-0 with a big win over Crestview. It must be something in the water.

***CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount found out maybe it wasn't ready for a move to 6A as the Leopards were blown out by Murphy 35-13, while Greenville kept on rolling along without a loss and whipped Baldwin County 27-7. In other action, Eufaula lost for the third straight week, this time to Valley 38-21, and Oph snapped a two-game slide with a 17-6 win over Hillcrest, of Evergreen.

***CLASS 6A - Robert E. Lee won the "Battle of Montgomery" by slipping past Jeff Davis 6-3. In overtime, when Enterprise took a giant step toward earning a playoff berth by rallying to defeat Northview 23-10. In other action, Central, of Tuscaloosa, lost for the second straight week, this time to West End 12-10, and Dothan clinched a playoff spot by blanking Carroll, of Ozark, 28-0.

ONCE OVER, SOMETIMES NOT SO LIGHTLY....

***I talked with Geneva's Coach Leary Boutwell on the phone last week and he told me that he had received some calls and had been asked if he was arrested after the Elba-Geneva football game two weeks ago. Okay folks, when I wrote last week that he was escorted off the field by three policemen, I certainly didn't mean to insinuate that it was because he had been arrested. Coach Boutwell told me that he made it a practice of having uniformed police on the sidelines during games, and that the police also keep an eye on happenings after the game. Coach Boutwell added that it had nothing to do with the fact his team was playing Elba. He said that it was a sad commentary on what has happened to our society in recent years, and it was simply better to be safe than sorry. By the way, I talked with Coach Boutwell for quite some time, and can assure all his friends that he is still an Elba Tiger fan at heart.

***I received the Area standings from the Alabama High School Athletic Association last week, and noticed immediately that Courtland was already the Area champ in Class 1A, Area 16. The Midgets, now with a 2-4 record, are the only team in their Area, and will advance to the playoffs with an 0-0 Area record. Yep, it is time to re-align the areas in all classifications and make certain something like this doesn't happen again.

***The Alabama High School Athletic Association also announced last week that it had sold the rights to the State Girl's Volleyball Tournament to a private organization and it would be held this year in Birmingham. (What else is new?) I agree that the volleyball tournament needed to find a home; however, the plans are for three games to be going on at the same time in the Civic Center, in Birmingham, and I simply don't believe that this will help any of the teams trying to concentrate on their individual games. Oh yeah, since when did Birmingham become a central location for the state?

***The Elba Junior High football team ended its season with a 1-5 record last week, and now now won't even make it to the playoffs. Worse than that, this year's team included only five ninth graders, which means that only five players will move up to take the place of the ten graduating seniors on the varsity. I know that plans are already underway to re-work the junior high program, and I for one think it can't come one day too soon.

***Elba's Amy Baker is enrolled at Auburn majoring in Athletic Training, and learned recently that she will intern beginning in January at the World Wide of Sports Complex, at Disney World. Amy has worked hard at Auburn and been a really tough course, and I know that being an intern will also be hard work. However, what better place to work than Disney World. Need any discounted tickets?

***The Elba Youth Football League ended its season last week and enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever. The Midgets posted a 6-1 record, while the Termites Tigers and Pee Wee Tigers both went 6-2 for the season. The youth football league has been successful for many years, and appears to be getting better and better as it grows. Best of all, the youngsters are all headed a lot from some quality coaches, and should be ready to take the next step.

***Ba. Kestball season is just around the corner, and it looks like it will be a very busy season up at Elba High. The Tigers will field boys teams in varsity, junior varsity, junior high and seventh grade levels, while the girls will have a varsity and junior high team. With six teams hitting the court, the gym lights might stay on around the clock during the school week.

***The Elba Recreation Department is not in the pulpwood business. Last week a number of trees were cut down by the Elba Electric Department on property adjoining the new Recreation Center, on Claxton Avenue, and a lot of people asked when the department got into the pulpwood business.

***The Elba Junior High Tigers ended their season with a record of 1-5 last Thursday night when they fell to the Charles Henderson Junior High Trojans 14-6, in Elba.

The only scoring threat in the first half came when the Junior Tigers marched 51 yards to the Charles Henderson 5-yardline. Brandon Salter gained 18 yards on two carries

early in the drive and then completed a pass to Josh Moultry and John Waters to move Elba within scoring range. However, a six-yard loss on a quarterback sack slowed the march,

and a fourth down pass fell incomplete as the threat ended.

Charles Henderson got on the scoreboard first in the second half as the Junior Trojans drove 52 yards in seven plays. The drive came entirely on the ground, and was capped off by a 2-yard TD run. The two-point conversion was successful, and the Junior Trojans were on top 8-0.

Elba needed only one play to reach paydirt on its initial possession of the second half, as on the Junior Tigers first play from scrimmage Brandon Salter hit a streaking Derrick Brooks along the sidelines and the speedy receiver raced 77 yards for an Elba touchdown. A two-point try failed, but with 4:02 left in the third quarter Elba had cut the deficit to 8-6.

Charles Henderson marched to a first down at the Elba 5-yardline on its ensuing possession, but failed to reach the endzone as Jason Curran, John Waters and Chris Eiland all came up with big defensive plays.

Elba's Demarius Howe recovered a Charles Henderson fumble at the Elba 20-yardline to stop a Junior Trojan scoring opportunity, but the Junior Tigers gave the ball right back with another fumble back at the 12, and this time Charles Henderson scored to grab a 14-6 lead with 4:53 left in the game.

Elba had two possessions in the closing minutes of the game, but failed to mount any threats, and took the loss 14-6.

Derrick Brooks had one reception for 77 yards and a touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Josh Moultry had two receptions for 23 yards.

The Elba defense was led by John Waters with 9 tackles, Gary Williams with 5 tackles and Demarius Howe with 4 tackles and a fumble recovery.

STATISTICS

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6	1st Downs
16	Rushing Yds.
116	Passing Yds.
132	Total Offense
8-17-1	Passes
3/1	Fumbles/Lost

Elba's Eric Jordan (9) finds room to roam against the Geneva County defense in the Tigers' 22-0 win Friday night.

Marching Tigers' walking wounded perform while on sidelines of Elba-Geneva County game Friday night.

Elba's Lady Bulldogs improve v'ball mark to 29-4

The Kinston Lady Bulldog volleyball team improved its record to 29-4 last week with a 15-9, 15-4 win over Samson.

Tiffany Rhoades had 7 kills and 13 sets in the wins, while Allie Sumblin had 7 kills, 18 sets and 10 serves. Hope Bedsole had 10 serves, 11 digs, 1 solo block and 1 block assist, while Suzanne Rhoades had 4 kills and 15 digs and Lana Odum had 1 solo block.

The Lady Bulldogs Junior Varsity closed out its season with a 9-1 record by defeating Samson 15-8, 15-10. The top server for the Lady Bulldogs was Amanda Bradley with 735-3675, (334) 735-3125 or (334) 735-3608.

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I can assure everyone that only the trees that had to be cut down were cut down, and that the beautiful trees left standing will be around for many years to come.

***It wasn't the best of weekends for Alabama or Auburn fans as both of the state's major college teams went down to defeat. The Crimson Tide was simply beaten by a superior opponent, while Auburn's lack of a running game again led to its loss to Florida. It is rare when both teams lose on the same weekend, and hopefully it won't happen again for quite some time.

***Elba's Coach David Sikes got an unexpected shower Friday night when a couple of Tigers poured a water cooler over his head late in Elba's win over Geneva County. It was Sikes' first win while at the helm in Elba, and hopefully the next shower won't be so long in coming!

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR STILL ROLLING ALONG

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office Sunday afternoon and stated that now that the losing streak had been ended, the Elba Tigers can get on to bigger and better things. The local guesstest hit on 47 of 54 picks last week to push his yearly totals to 260-47, which should keep the local prognosticator near the top among his peers. Here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. REHOBETH

The Tigers are in a "must win" situation this week if they are to have any hopes of making a trip to the playoffs. A win this week and in the final two weeks, coupled with a Rehobeth win over Headland, could very well put the Tigers in the playoffs, and erase the pain of the early-season losses. It is a nice thought, but one that could end Friday night against the talented Rebels from Houston County.

REHOBETH 17 ELBA 12

NEW BROCKTON VS. KINSTON

The Gamecocks will be the special guests at the Bulldogs' homecoming party Friday night, and the people down in Kinston had better hope that the folks from New Brockton will be friendly guests, because this one has all the makings of a real blow out!

NEW BROCKTON 40 KINSTON 6

ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

The Rebels can take a giant step toward a spot in the playoffs with a win over their arch-rivals from Arton, but it won't be easy, since the Purple Cats are also in the hunt for a berth and will be ready and waiting for the Zion Chapel 29 ARITON 23

BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

It is a good thing the Bulldogs are playing well, because when the Squadron comes flying in Friday night they will bring with it a team that is a lot better than anyone realizes. The Brantley players had better wait until after the game to start the celebration, because it will take its best to post a win this week.

BRANTLEY 14 HIGHLAND HOME 13

OTHER PICKS:

Berry 34 T.W. Martin 8
Billingsley 45 St. Jude 12
Frisco City 20 Blacksher 6
Carrollton 13 West Blocton 8
Sweet Water 29 Coffeeville 0
Dale County 20 McKenzie 18
Houston Co. 20 Louisville 0
Mapleville 40 Isabella 0
Verbera 22 Marbury 13
Clay County 29 Beulah 0
Catholic 35 Clayton 0
Henderson 43 Colbert Hts. 0
Cottonwood 40 Wicksburg 12
Excel 30 Leroy 8
Florida 28 Red Level 20
Op 21 B.T. Washington 0
Goshen 21 Headland 12
Horseshoe Bend 28 Lyman Ward 3
G.W. Long 27 Houston Co. 13
Kaith 60 Isabella 0
Luverne 17 Carroll 10
Straughn 20 Samson 19
South Lamar 34 Hale County 6

Vincent 28 Fayetteville 0
Calhoun 20 Holtville 18
Briarwood 24 B.B. Comer 8
Francis Marion 22 Essex 14
UMS-Wright 17 St. James 7
Colbert Co. 27 West Limestone 6
Abbeville 20 Bullock County 12
Dale County 28 Ashford 0
Daleville 10 Geneva 8
Fayette County 27 Curry 10
T.R. Miller 35 Hillcrest 7
W.S. Neal 35 St. Paul's 33
Henderson 21 Pike County 7
Greenville 34 Andalusia 6
Blount 20 Citronelle 0
Stanhope Elmore 24 Wetumpka 6
Op 21 B.T. Washington 0
Central, PC 28 Auburn 10
Enterprise 28 Carver 14
Jeff Davis 52 Selma 8
Dothan 21 Cairo 20
R.E. Lee 10 Rosewell 7
Theodore 17 M. Montgomery 0
Opelika 17 B. Russell 10

Tiger receiver Derrick Duncan (25) hauls in touchdown pass in Friday night's big 22-0 win over Geneva County.

Elba cheerleader Lindsey Jared celebrates Tiger touchdown.

Elba's Derek Marler (14) tries to pull out of the grasps of a Geneva County defender during Friday night's 22-0 win.

Marching Tigers' walking wounded perform while on sidelines of Elba-Geneva County game Friday night.

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Coach Bill Rayborn works with wounded Tiger.

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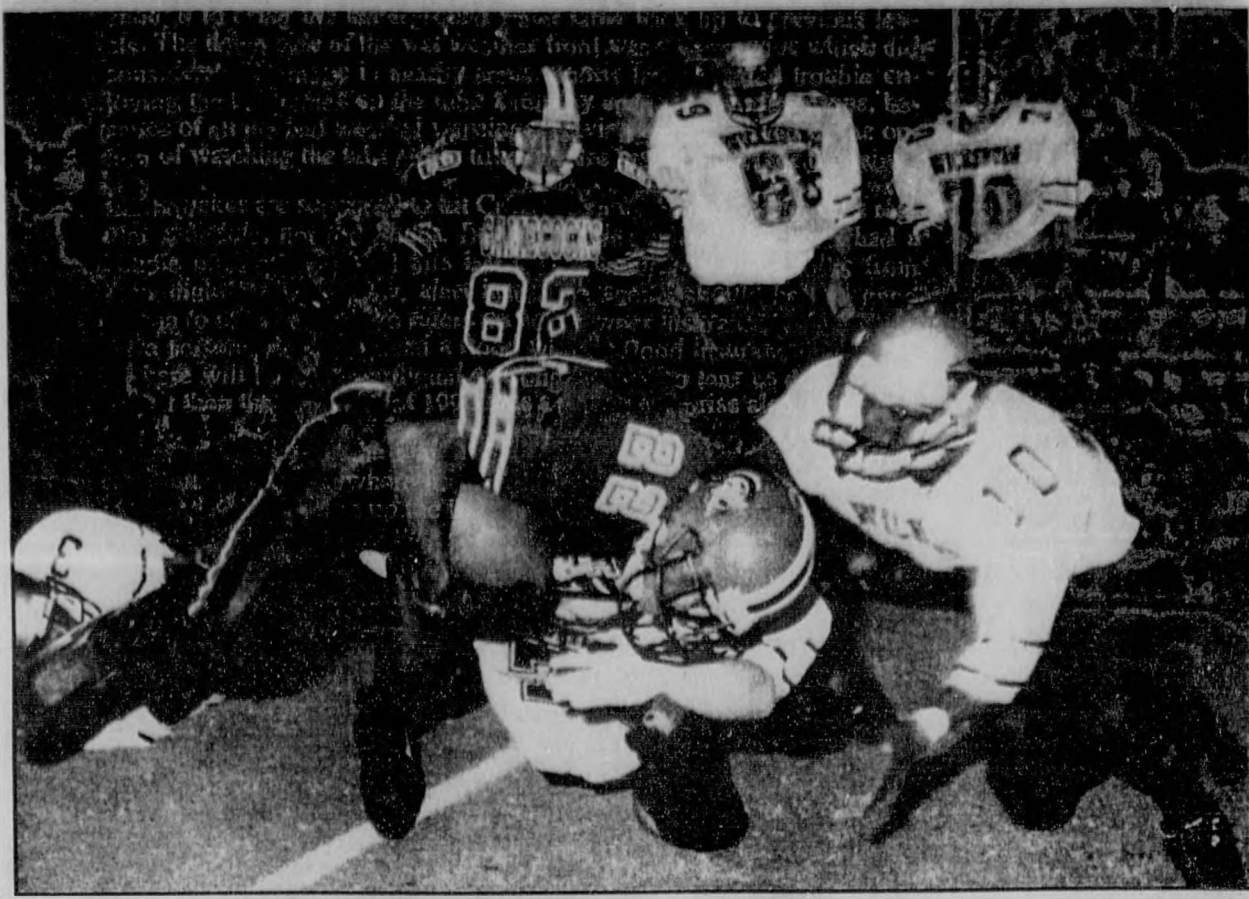
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Gamecocks pound Panthers 37-14



New Brockton's Jason McKenzie (22) fights for yardage Friday night in the Gamecocks' 37-14 romp past Wicksburg. The Gamecocks will travel to Kinston this week to tangle with the Kinston Bulldogs at the Kinston homecoming clash.



Kinston's Ricky Morris (35) heads outside the block of teammate Jeremy Osborn (30) for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 20-6 setback Friday night to the Arton Purple Cats.

'Cats outclaw Kinston 20-6

By Cade Shiver, SportsWriter

The Kinston Bulldogs dominated the action everywhere except the scoreboard Friday night as the Arton Purple Cats came to town and left with a hard fought 20-6 win, in Kinston.

The loss left Kinston with an 0-7 record, while Arton improved to 4-3 with the win.

The Purple Cats received the opening kickoff and marched 66 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard.

A 15-yard reception by Ashley McDermott on third down and seven kept the drive alive early, while the touchdown came when Joey Johnson broke loose on a third down and 13 and raced 36 yards to paydirt. Jon Peavy tackled on the extra-point and with 8:04 left in the first quarter Arton was on top 7-0.

The Bulldogs failed to move the chains on their first possession of the night, but got the ball right back on a fumble near midfield, and this time marched to the Purple Cat 20-yardline behind the powerful running of fullback Jim Mock.

The drive came to an abrupt end at the 20, however, as a Bulldog bobble killed the early scoring opportunity.

Arton threatened to add to its lead midway through the second quarter as the Purple Cats drove to the Kinston 29-yardline behind the passing combo of Jon Peavy to Ashley McDermott.

The Kinston defense stiffened, however, and knocked the 'Cats back to the 33, where the Bulldog offense took over.

Kinston's offense began a drive at its own 18-yardline late in the half and with a good mix of pass and run set sails on a 13 play drive that reached the Arton 22-yardline. A pass interception killed the threat two plays later, and at intermission the Bulldogs went in trailing 7-0.

The Bulldogs came out determined to get their first win of the season in the third quarter and took the second half kickoff and marched 65 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard.

Jim Mock and Jeremy Osborn mixed up the ground attack as the 'Dogs covered 64 yards in six snaps, and with 9:47 left in the stanza big Jim Mock was not to be denied as he bulled over from a yard out for the Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked, but Kinston had cut the deficit to 7-6 early in the second half.

The two defensive units took command for the remainder of the third quarter and it appeared as if neither team's offense would be able to pay another visit to the endzone, until a Bulldog fumble gave the Purple Cats possession at the Kinston 28-yardline.

The Bulldog defense was still determined to keep the 'Cats out of the endzone and knocked Arton back to the 37. However, on fourth down and 19 the Purple Cats threw up a prayer and had it answered when Jon Peavy lofted a desperation pass to avoid a sack and saw Joey Johnson run under the pass and ramble into the endzone for a Purple Cat touchdown. The extra-point was true, and with 11:47 left in the game Arton had extended its lead to 14-6.

A 15-yard penalty slowed the Bulldogs' ensuing series, and a fake punt came up one yard short of the marker, as Arton found itself right back in business at the Kinston 36-yardline.

The Bulldog defense was again up to the challenge and stopped the 'Cats on a fourth down and five, but a pass interception gave the ball back to Arton, and this time the Purple Cats cashed in on the turnover to take command of the game.

A fifteen-yard penalty against Kinston got the drive off to a fast start, and the Purple Cats later scored when Jon Peavy lofted a 13-yard scoring toss to Robert Riley. Josh Harrison broke through to block the extra-point, but with only :46 left on the clock Arton had the win wrapped up as the Purple Cats owned a 20-6 advantage.

The Bulldogs didn't go down without one last fight, however, as Kinston moved 54 yards through the air in only two snaps to reach the Arton 16-yardline. The clock ran out before the Bulldogs could attack the endzone, and at the final horn the Purple Cats had the win 20-6.

Jim Mock led the way for Kinston with 90 yards on 16 carries, while Arton's ground game was sparked by Chris Boswell with 73 yards on 18 carries.

Statistics By Andrew Medley, SportsWriter

The New Brockton Gamecocks got back in the win column in a big way Friday night as they blasted the Wicksburg Panthers 37-14, in Gamecock Stadium.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 4-3, while Wicksburg slipped to 2-5 with the loss.

Wicksburg received the opening kickoff and wasted little time putting points on the scoreboard as the Panthers drove 60 yards in nine plays to reach paydirt. The score came on a 25-yard pass, and although the extra-point try failed, the Panthers were on top 6-0 with 7:00 left in the first quarter.

New Brockton was unimpressed with the early Wicksburg score, and came right back with a 50-yard, three plays drive to take the lead!

A 40-yard pass from Jason Allums to Andre Flowers on the Gamecocks' first play from scrimmage set up the score, which came on a 2-yard dash by Lee Flowers. Flowers also added the two-point conversion, and with 6:29 left in the opening stanza New Brockton had moved ahead 7-6.

The Gamecocks got the ball back on a Panther punt and this time marched 55 yards in five plays to extend their lead.

Lee Flowers was the workhorse of the drive with 42-yards on four carries, and got the score on a 15-yard scamper. The extra-point was successful, and with 1:25 left in the wild first quarter New Brockton owned a 15-6 advantage.

The offensive fireworks would continue on Wicksburg's next series, as the Panthers marched 70 yards in seven plays to cut the Gamecocks' lead to 15-14 with 10:41 remaining in the half.

The Gamecocks failed to dent the endzone on their next two possessions, but got the ball back at their own 30-yardline late in the second quarter and closed out the opening half of action by driving 71 yards in 10 plays to add to their lead!

Laroyce Haynes gained 18 yards on one carry and hauled in a pass for 15 yards to spark the scoring march, while the score came on a 30-yard pass from Jason Allums to Jerry Haynes on a fourth down play. The two-point try was successful, and when the half ended three plays later, the Gamecocks went in with a 23-14 lead.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and drove 51 yards in six plays to get back in the endzone.

A 20-yard pass from Jason Allums to Laroyce Haynes got the scoring drive started, while Lee Flowers gained 26 yards on three carries and scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run. The extra-point try was good, and with 9:40 left in the third

quarter the Gamecocks were in charge with a 30-14 advantage.

The Gamecocks drove to the Wicksburg 5-yardline on their next series behind the running of Anthony Hutcherson and Lee Flowers, but failed to convert on fourth down, and turned the ball over on downs.

New Brockton got the ball right back on a Panther punt, and ended the scoring for the night by driving 50 yards in eight plays. Jerry Haynes and Lee Flowers both had big runs during the scoring drive, while the score came on a 10-yard pass from Jason Allums to Andre Flowers. The extra-point was true, putting the Gamecocks in complete control with a 37-14 advantage with 8:13 left on the clock.

Neither team could mount a drive on their final two possessions of the night, and at the final horn the Gamecocks left the field with the impressive 37-14 win.

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New Brockton's Jason McKenzie (22) leaps high in an attempt to knock down a pass in Friday night's big 37-14 win.



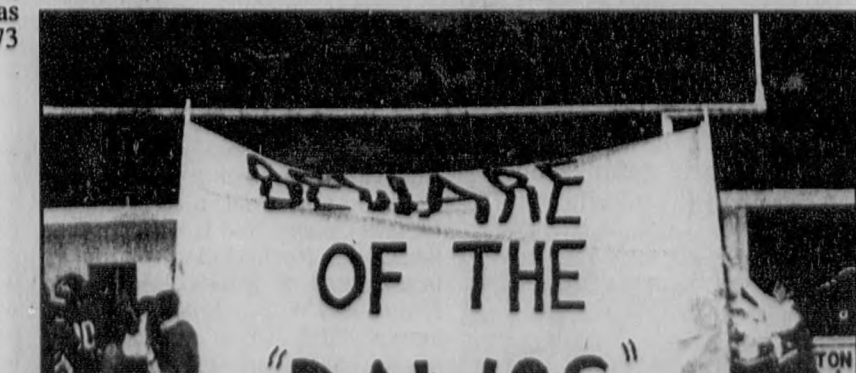
COME ON DOWN! New Brockton's Andre Flowers (82) waits for a pass to arrive during last week's win.

STATISTICS

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276	76
131	38
4-7	114
6-13-0	4-14-0



A Kinston receiver keeps his eyes on the football as he reaches back for a pass in last week's loss to Arton.



Bulldog cheerleaders are ready for the 'Dogs to take the field against the Arton Purple Cats.



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Rebels run past Isabella 38-14



Rebel cheerleaders keep the spirit on sideline!

Homecoming games highlight area slate

The high school football season will reach week #8 this week across the state, and locally it will be a very important week of action as two area teams will celebrate homecoming and the third will host a long time area rival.

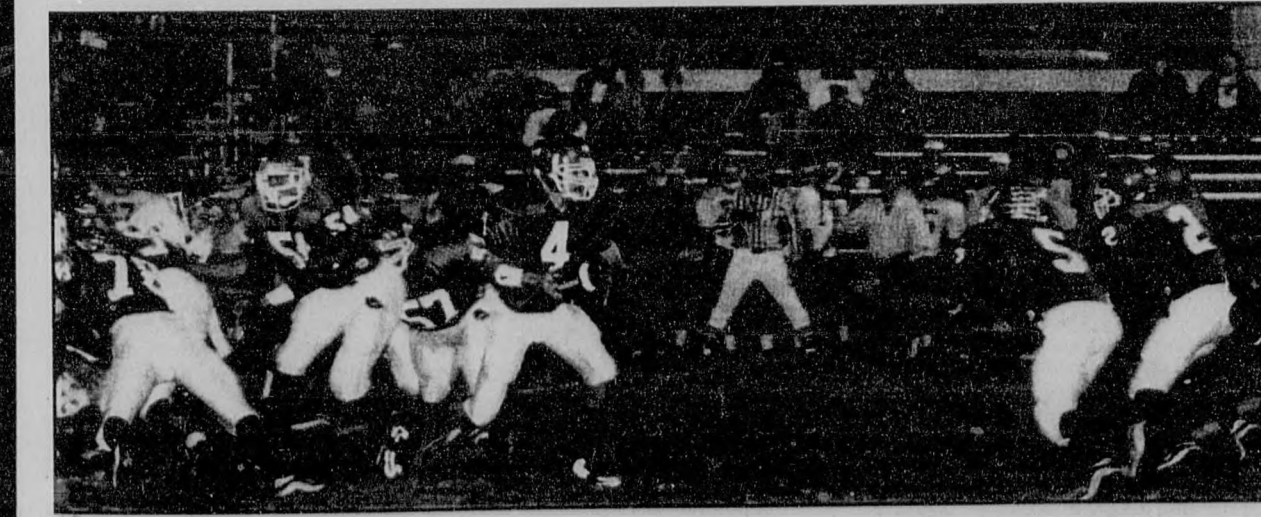
Following are previews of this week's big week of prep football action:

Field Day set for Oct. 25 in Elba

The Big Brother and Big Sister "In Time" Organization, Inc., will host a Field Day at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, on October 25, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Concessions will be available, and events scheduled include volleyball, kickball and softball.

Car & Truck show set for October 25

The second annual Peanut Butter "Car and Truck Show" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Colonial Bank, in Brundidge. Classes will include Cars and Trucks, with trophies going to the Top 3 entries in each division. Registration will be from 8:00-11:00 AM, with judging to take place from 11:00-12:00 (Noon). The registration fee is \$10. For more information, contact Ronnie Head at (334) 566-1921 or (334) 566-4781 (after 6PM).



Brantley's Andy Johnson (4) turns to hand off in Friday night's 14-10 loss to the 5th ranked Maplesville Red Devils. The loss dropped Brantley's record to 4-3.



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) is stopped for a loss by the aggressive 'Devil defense in Friday night action.

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Special to The Elba Clipper By Russell Scott

The Isabella Mustangs played host to the Rebels of Zion Chapel Friday night at Bill Nabor Field. The Rebels scored 38 unanswered points to come from behind to defeat the Mustangs, and spoil the Homecoming festivities by the score of 38-14.

The Mustangs opened the scoring in the second quarter when Kirk Stallings took the ball around right end for a nine-yard touchdown run. The try for two failed and put the Mustangs out front by the score of 6-0 with 10:16 left to play in the half.

The next Mustang score came after sophomore Ryan Arnett blocked a punt and recovered it himself on the Rebel nine-yardline. The drive, which lasted only two minutes and 30 seconds, came to an end when Stallings took the ball into the endzone on a three-yard drive. The two-point conversion was successful, and the Mustangs were up by the score of 14-0 with 6:18 left to play in the first half.

The Rebels would answer and used less than two minutes to score. Freshman tailback Durane Flowers blasted around right end for 42 yards and the score. The Rebels successfully completed the two-point conversion, yet still trailed by the score of 14-8 with 4:44 left in the half.

The Rebels' next score took only 1:15 as Flowers again took the ball on another long run. This time he ran around left end for 31 yards and the score. The try for two was good and the Rebels led for the first time by the score of 16-14 at halftime.

Zion Chapel opened the second half scoring with a long, time consuming drive. The score would come when junior Ben Pritchett capped off a twelve play drive that consumed over six minutes and covered over 70 yards on a quarterback keeper. The try for two was successful and the Rebels led by the score of 24-14 with 5:36 to play in the third quarter.

The Rebels' next score took only two plays, but covered 52 yards. The drive came to an end when tailback Junior Jones ran 51 yards up the

middle of the field to score. The extra-point failed, yet the Rebels led by the score of 32-14 with only 3:03 left in the third quarter.

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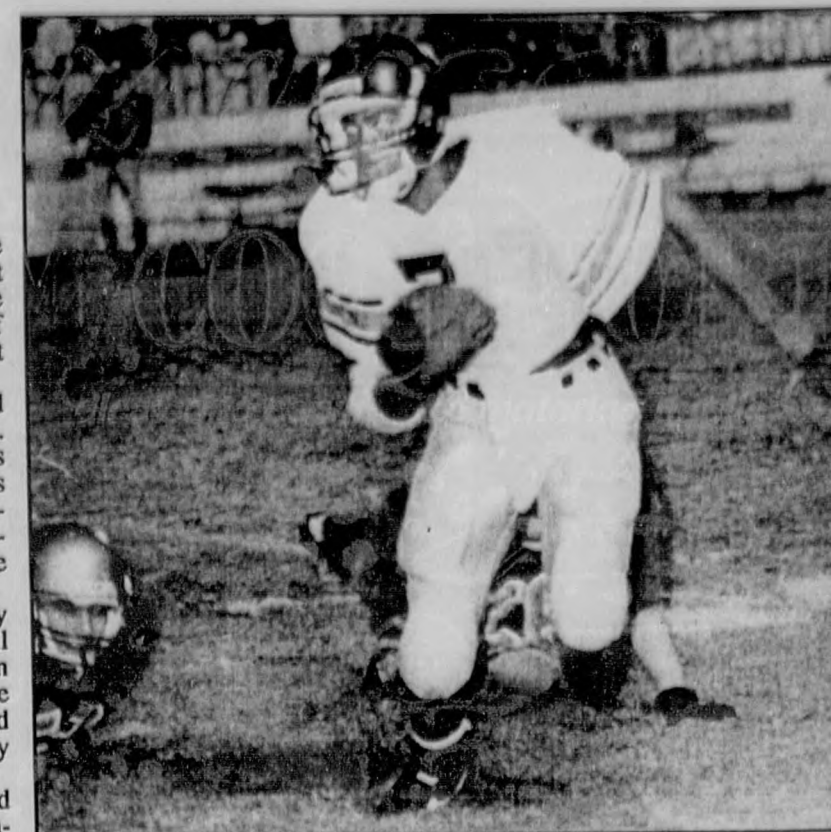
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Zion Chapel's Junior Jones (7) eyes room to run during a recent Rebel win. The Rebels will host Arton Friday night.

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Brantley's Darrell Owens (5) is off and running on a 52-yard jaunt to set up a Bulldog score in Friday night's 14-10 loss to Maplesville. The Bulldogs will host Highland Home Friday night in their homecoming clash.

'Devils do in Brantley 14-10

By Greg Brunson, SportsWriter

The Brantley Bulldogs returned home Friday night to battle the Maplesville Red Devils, and led for most of the game, only to give up a pair of second half touchdowns as the highly-ranked 'Devils rallied to escape with a 14-10 victory.

Brantley was able to claim the game's first turnover when Stallion Sasser recovered a Maplesville fumble at the 20-yardline. Deon Jones gained 10 yards on first down, setting up a first down and goal just inside the ten. Three plays netted eight yards. So, Gregory Daniels came in and drilled a 20-yard field goal to stretch the Brantley lead to 10-0 with 9:35 remaining in the third quarter.

The Red Devils took the ensuing kickoff and put together an 11 play drive that covered 93 yards. The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Desmond Agee to Josey Shannon with 4:36 to go in the third quarter. A try for two failed, leaving the Brantley lead at 10-6.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Maplesville put the ball in play at its own 16-yardline. The Red Devils then put together another 11 play drive, with this one being capped off when Desmond Agee scored on a quarterback sneak from one yard out

with 2:11 left on the clock. Agee then passed to Josey Shannon for the two-point conversion, and the 'Devils were in the lead at 14-10.

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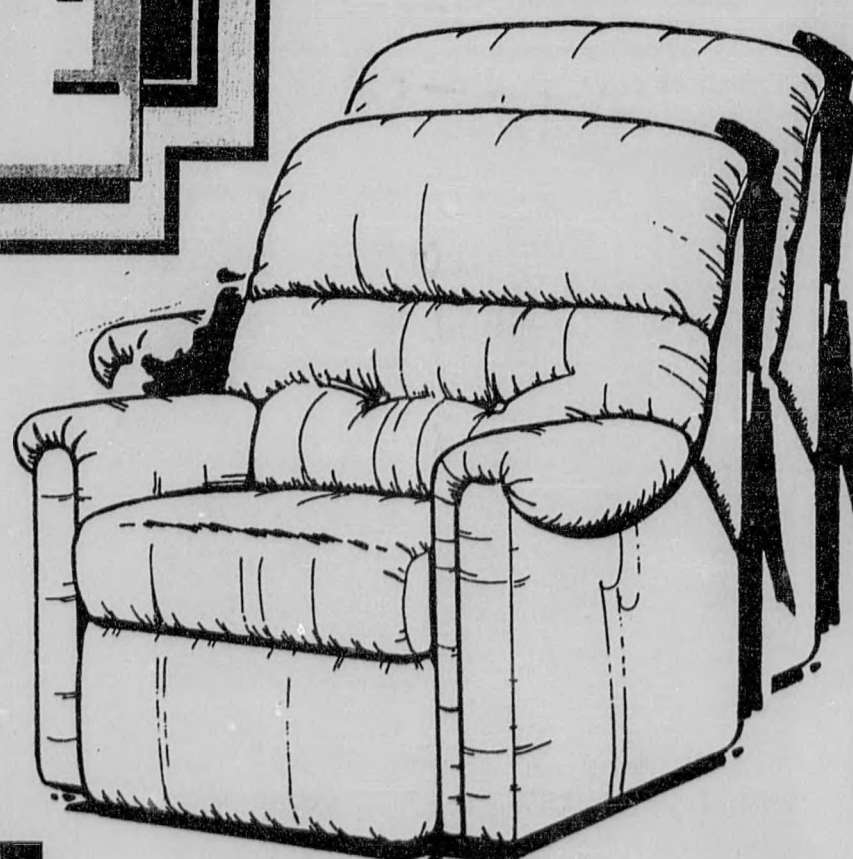
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Coffee County Cotton Pickin' Fun Day

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The words of the song go like this: "When them cotton bolls get rotten - you can't pick very much cotton - in them old cotton fields back home."

Last Thursday morning and afternoon, young and old alike returned to the cotton fields in the Bethany

Community to "manually" pick/pull the cotton.

The second annual Coffee County Cotton Pickin' Fun Day was held as part of Farm-City activities. Sponsoring this year's event were Kenneth and Elizabeth Walls.

Accompanying area farmers, businessmen, Extension agents, government officials, and members of the news media were members of the sixth grade from New Brockton Elementary School.

The members of the class were special guests and were being rewarded for their participation in a Cotton Essay Contest. The first place winner was Megan Holloway, second place was Chelsey Hollis, and third place winner was Jennifer Andrews.

After enjoying a meal prepared by Elizabeth Walls, served in Bethany Baptist Church's Christian Life Center, those present heard some

memories of the good old days from "Real McCoy" farmers. Dr. Ron Smith, a cotton specialist from Auburn University, gave a talk on the history of cotton in Alabama. Coffee County's own Extension Agent, Richard Petcher, was recognized as the county agent who has done the most for the cotton growers in the state.

Petcher commented that he owed a lot to the local farmers who have taught him so much over the years. It was then time for everybody, both young and old, to grab a cotton



COTTON PICKERS GO AFTER THE WHITE STUFF

sack and head for the field.

After a brief - or long (according to some of the participants) fifteen minutes of pickin' cotton, there was a weigh-in to see who had picked the most cotton. One of Elba's own, Mr. Cliff Allen (Woodland Grove Community) has still got it when it comes

to picking cotton by hand. He won in his category.

After the "manual" pickin', Kenneth Walls brought in the heavy equipment and showed the group the modern way of pickin' cotton - with a four-row cotton picker.

A good time was enjoyed by all.



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BERNEST BROOKS TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION

Robert Stephens elected commission chairman

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The main item of business on the Coffee County Commission's agenda Monday was to elect a chairman and vice chairman for the next year.



Commission Chairman Robert Stephens

Commissioner Robert Stephens, senior member of the commission, was elected in a secret ballot by a 4-3 vote; however, in a formal vote (show of hands), Stephens was elected by unanimous vote.

Members of the commission also chose a vice chairman - Commis-

sioner Bernest Brooks. He too is a senior member of the commission serving his second term. The body also cast a unanimous vote in a show of hands.

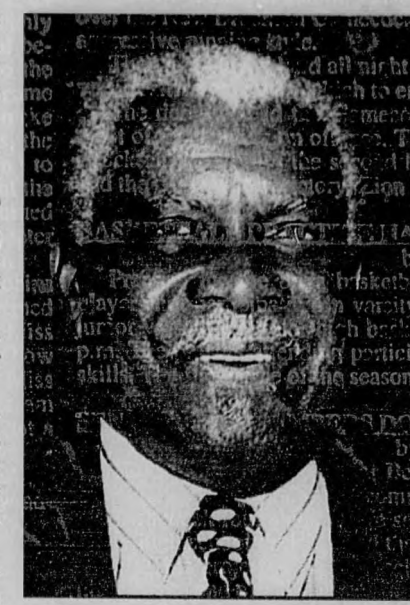
In congratulating the new leadership, the present commission chairman, Tom Grimley said, "I want to commend the members of the commission. I think we've worked well together and have accomplished a lot in the past year."

He thanked the commissioners for allowing him to serve as their chairman for the past year. Under the heading of old business, the commissioners opened bids for fertilizer and lime to be used by the highway department. Previously no bids were received and invitations to bid had to be re-sent.

The Coffee County Farm Co-Op - Elba Division was low bidder on both lime and fertilizer. Their bid was as follows: \$24.49 per ton on lime and \$189.49 per ton on supplying fertilizer. Commissioners awarded the bid to the Co-Op. Charlie Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency was on hand for the opening of the bids for an emergency power generator.

Four bids were received ranging from a high of \$41,288.00 to a low of \$28,424.00. The bids included pricing for full installation with options attached reducing the degree of installation and cost.

After opening the bids, they were given to Webb and Deputy Director



Commission Vice Chairman Bernest Brooks

Terry Wilkins for review.

Webb, after making sure the bids met specification, recommended that the commission accept the low bid of \$28,424.00 from H & H Equipment Company of Enterprise.

He noted that the low bid was

\$34,240.00 above the funds allocated (\$25,000.00), but he recommended that the commission increase its share of the funding and proceed with the purchase.

"I believe that we need this project. It would benefit the office complex as a whole and not just the emergency office," said Webb.

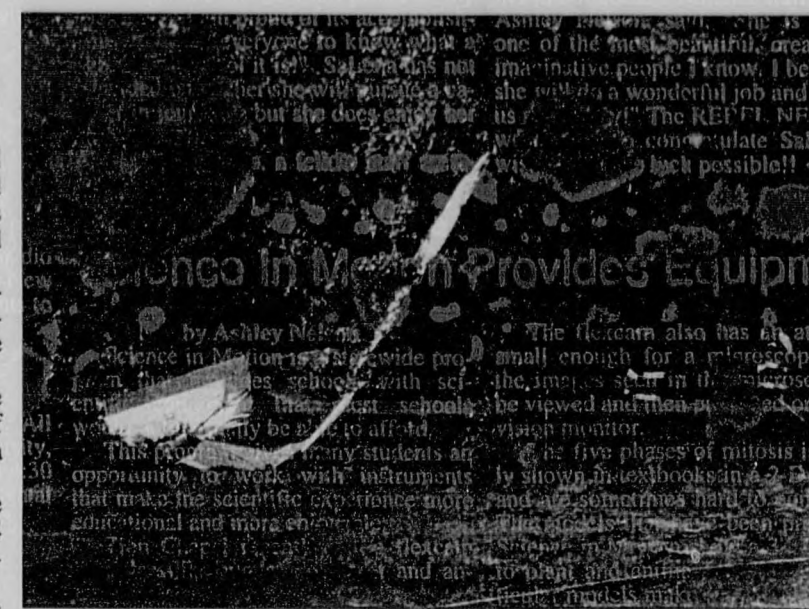
Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion to table awarding of the bid and attempt to negotiate a better price with the low bidder.

"We've already appropriated the money for this and the extra \$3,424 in not in the budget for it," said Dalrymple.

Observers were quick to note that in the September 22 commission meeting, Commissioner Dalrymple was quick to make a motion that the county approve contributing \$5,000 to a water study project that was not in the budget.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks commented, "We have specialists making recommendations to us...I think the bids are in line and we are just stalling for time."

Webb told commissioners that Please See WEBB, Page 16



PLANE CRASH...OR WRECK... Look closely at the picture above and you will see a Cessna 150 series in the trees. Last Thursday afternoon, Elba police and the fire department responded to a report that a plane had crashed at the Elba airport. Upon their arrival, they found out that what had actually happened was that a plane being "propped off" (turning the propeller to crank the plane) had gotten away from its owner, Clyde Chandler, 67, of DeFuniak Springs, FL. According to reports, the plane had started, the rush of air caused the door to slam catching Chandler's hand in it and dragging him down the north end of the runway several hundred feet. He managed to get free before the plane veered off the runway and ended up in the trees. Chandler was taken to Elba General Hospital where he was treated and released. Pictured above are Elba firemen taking safety precautions due to the fuel leaking from the aircraft. The engine was torn from the airplane when it hit the trees as was the left wing. The plane was a total wreck.

City employees to get \$75 Christmas pay raise

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City Council was unanimous Monday evening in their approval of a one time \$75 December pay raise for all full time employees. Mayor James Grimes explained this has been a annual tradition for a number of years. The city government is forbidden by law from giving a Christmas bonus, therefore the "one time pay raise" has become the norm.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow estimated there are 60 to 65 full time employees presently working with the City and the utility department.

The council split in approving the Friday after Thanksgiving as a holiday for city employees. The motion passed, with council members Ben Carpenter and John W. Sharpless opposing the extra holiday. Employees such as police officers, who must continue working-holiday or not, will get an extra day's pay, according to Chief Whitworth.

Morrow received council permission to remove a large, dead Oak tree on Martin Luther King Drive. He explained the tree is partially on private property, but could be dangerous to cars or pedestrians in the area.

The council also approved the city clerk's request for permission to cut trees on city property between the old football practice field and Worth Tent (old Middle School). He

Boat operators license will be required

April 1999 may seem a long way off, but the Alabama Marine Police Division reminds boaters of the deadline for obtaining a boat operator's license.

In just over a year, all boat operators in the state of Alabama will be required to have an operator's license to operate a motor boat on any of the state's waterways.

The requirement for boat operator's license was passed by the Alabama Legislature in April 1994 and allowed a five-year phase-in period for compliance.

Boaters who wait until the spring of 1999 may face long lines at the State Troopers' driver's license examination offices or citations for failure to have a license.

The minimum fine for operating without a license is \$100 plus court costs, which may run the total cost to \$200 or more.

Anyone who operates a motor boat (including personal watercraft), should schedule a trip to the driver's license examiner as soon as possible to avoid the last-minute lines and the prospect of costly citations.

explained the ditch has been cleared out for better drainage and recommended clear cutting the area.

Cutting of trees on the airport property, and other city owned plots are under review. Morrow was instructed to report back to the council with recommendations for the airport property. Council members were undecided over thinning this property or clear cutting it.

Council members were reminded that the clerk needed recommendations for street re-surfacing priorities.

He noted that council members from District #1 and #4, but needed all five to complete a master plan.

Grimes said he was preparing recommendations for updating the ordinances controlling abandoned cars and buildings. He hopes to be able to report on that by the next meeting date, after meeting with the city attorney.

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Annual Farm-City Banquet set for Nov. 20

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Farm-City activities are off to a great start this year. "We have been extremely busy recently with the petting zoo and the Cotton Pickin' Fun Day," said Coffee County Extension Coordinator Sandra Coffey.

This year's Farm-City Committee is spearheaded by Mike Root of Enterprise. The committee consists of 20-plus leaders throughout Coffee County.

"It takes a lot of manpower to implement just one Farm-City activity," said Coffey. "There is no better place in the world to live than Coffee County because when you make the statement you need volunteers they just seem to come from everywhere."

"We from the Extension Office would like to salute the volunteers who make our job so much fun."

The annual Farm-City Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, November 20. Tickets for the event are on sale now at three locations: Elba and Enterprise Chamber of Commerce offices and the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

This year the featured entertainment for the banquet is a local hometown boy Rob Hudson and his wife, Kelly. They are a husband and wife, singer-song writer team who together combine to make a rich blend of good ol' traditional country music with today's contemporary country sound.

The couple has learned from the best by having the opportunity to entertain alongside Alabama, Lee Greenwood, Little Jimmy Dickens, Porter Wagoner, Jack Green, and with Leza Gibbons on Entertainment Tonight.

Rob and Kelly are truly an exciting duo who will warm your heart and make you proud they are from Coffee County. Rob is the son of Bobby and Barbara Hudson of Elba.

"It is a thrill to be able to showcase our local talent," said Coffey. She added, "Tickets are limited, so buy your ticket early. You don't want to miss the 1997 Farm-City Banquet!"



Rob & Kelly Hudson (pictured above) and band are set to entertain at Coffee County's Annual Farm-City Banquet scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 1997.

Trick or Treat

for the
 City of Elba
 has been set for
Thursday
October 30th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Those who wish to treat the Trick or Treaters are asked to leave a porch light on. Motorists are urged to use extra precaution during the Trick or Treat hours.